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Our Paper

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NOT
Thinking
Queerly

There are dozens of variations (of homosexuality) but they all have this in common: the primary interest is the penis, not the person...

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid to Ask, Dr. David R. Reubin, 1969*

"Homosexual" is a barbarously hybrid word; it is, however, convenient, and now widely used.

Studies in the Psychology of Sex; chapter 1, page 1, Havelock Ellis • 1901

While there is some advantage in having a terminology which distinguishes homosexual relationships which occur between females from those which occur between males, there is a distinct disadvantage in using a terminology which suggests that there are fundamental differences between the homosexual responses and activities of females and males.

Sexual Behavior in the Human Female, Chapter 11, page 446 • Alfred Kinsey, 1953

Lesbians are handicapped by having only half the pieces in the anatomical jigsaw puzzle...

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Sex But Were Afraid to Ask, Dr. David R. Reubin, 1969*

? QUEER!

by Jeffrey R. Nickel

♦ **queer** (kwër). adj. 1. strange or odd from a conventional viewpoint; unusually different; singular. 2. of a questionable nature of character; suspicious; shady. 3. not feeling physically right or well; giddy, faint, or qualmish. 4. mentally unbalanced or deranged. 5. Slang. a. homosexual. b. bad, worthless, or counterfeit. — v.t. 6. to spoil; ruin. 7. to put (a person) in a hopeless or disadvantageous situation as to success, favor, etc. 8. to jeopardize. — n. Slang. 9. a homosexual

▼ I've been avoid this. But I can't stand it anymore. It's crept its way into practically every gay newspaper and magazine — and even a few "mainstream" publications — in the country. Already I've cancelled one subscription because of it, and I'm well on my way to nixing another; all because of the rampantly increasing use of that awful word *queer*.

Previously, mostly because of cowardice, I was loathe to criticize this ill-chosen synonym because I feared the juggernaut of politically correct protest that would engulf me. With the exception of one anonymous quote printed in *The New York Times* several months ago, I have not read or even heard a single piece of criticism regarding it. Doubtless the self-appointed guardians of radicalness have cowed any dissenting voices into utter and complete submission; except that is, for *this* one. I fear not the p.c. police.

In the *Times* piece, a gay man asks the question: "Can you imagine a black organization called [excuse the profanity] 'Nigger Nation'? I hope not. Similarly, I can't envision Hispanic newspapers referring to its community members as "spics," or Italians publicly calling one another "wops." Yet, when we use the word "queer" in place of gay, we do the same thing, don't we? Or is "queer" somehow different and therefore acceptable? If it is, I don't see it.

Proponents of "queer" say it's different because it has the virtue of encompassing several groups; gays (meaning gay men), lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals, transvestites, etc. It's an all-purpose word, the argument goes. I'm not totally unsympathetic to this. There's something impersonal and even unreal about speaking of "gay, lesbian, and bisexual" rights rather than simply of "queer" rights. It is difficult to communicate our

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**GAY-BASHING ON
FREE STREET**

On Friday, February 21, 1992, thirty-two year-old Benjamin Kowalsky of Portland was attacked by three men as he walked alone on Fore Street around 5:00 a.m. The attackers pelted Mr. Kowalsky with stones, threw him to the ground and kicked him in the face and groin. The attackers shouted anti-gay names and threats throughout the attack. Mr. Kowalsky was treated for serious facial injuries and other bodily cuts and bruises. The attackers have not yet been caught.

According to Mr. Kowalsky, who has AIDS, he was unable to go back to sleep after awakening early that Friday morning. However, because he was feeling physically fit enough to do so, he decided to take a walk from his Eastern Promenade apartment to the Old Port area of Portland. While walking on Free Street, Mr. Kowalsky was made the target of stone-throwing by his assailants. He tried to evade the three attackers, but they finally cornered him in the vicinity of Milk Street and brutally beat him by kicking him in his face and groin. He thought that the attack was over when the attackers appeared to be leaving. However, when they saw Mr. Kowalsky struggling to get up, they came back and beat him for a second time.

Mr. Kowalsky reported the attack to the Portland Police Department and informed the Department of the bias aspect of the attack. He described his assailants "skinheads."

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♦ **QUEER!**

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By Mary Ellen Beal

Editorial: "Straight acting" & tired of being alone?

The answer is simple...

PERSONALS

SWL • Can't stand the beach. So-so looks, company not much better. I like rowdy nights spent driving around on frozen lakes. Caution? Who, ME? If you're insincere and bored, gimme a call.

SWG • Looking for a lover that's as queer as a three-dollar bill and looks it! Fats, Fems, limp-wrists and any other gross stereotyping welcomed. I'm looking for a lifetime committment...hobbies: abstinence and funky furniture of the 70s. Let's let the world know that we are in love!

Personal Ads! They are the hieroglyphics of this century. Open just about any newspaper, tabloid, or weekly and you'll find at least a handful - if not several pages of pleas for love, friendship, sex, you name it, penned in a strange language of abbreviations, initials, and code words. Strange publications with names like, "Dating Scene" litter the exits of grocery stores.

Some ads are funny, others just give the facts. Almost everyone is attractive, good-natured, upwardly mobile, sensitive, sincere, and loves kids and pets - despite the parade of humanity we see all around us everyday.

Personal ads run by lesbians read like Emily Dickinson wrote them.

Women tend to speak in terms of relationships. Their personals are global and far-reaching. Quiet evenings, talking, sharing, snuggling, intimacy, and no head games are phrases that recycle happily from ad to ad. The ads are so relationship oriented that you may have to check twice to see that you are actually on a date - and not up for adoption.

There is a growing trend in gay personals to be more relationship oriented, but more often than not, they skip that stuff and get right down to sex, measurements, inches, activities, and often give the impression that the person does not wish to be tied down (at least emotionally) after one date.

There is, however, a serious problem within the gay community - the homophobic crutch phrases "straight acting" or "straight appearing". A quick scan of a handful of personals revealed phrases like, "not into the gay social

scene" "straight acting but tired of being alone" "straight acting" "please be straight acting - with feelings". Thirty to forty percent of the male gay ads tossed in this offensive demand although 100% of the male gay ads were definitely gay men who were looking for gay partners.

This internalized homophobia is demeaning on a personal level, offensive on a community level, and offers constant ammunition for those looking to attack the lesbian and gay

community. Gay pride? Right! I don't look queer or act queer but I desperately want a man in my life who also wastes the majority of his energy trying to constantly prove that he doesn't look queer or act queer. That's healthy. That's not gay pride. That's gay prejudice. And it's coming from our side - friendly fire.

Our Paper would like to see this trend come to an end. We ask our readers to take a moment when they fill out their personal ads to remove and replace this relic. Who knows, if you finally let go of the need to be straight acting, you may find that you are no longer alone.

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Our Paper

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Our Paper is published monthly by a dedicated group of unpaid volunteers. Our purpose is to offer a voice for Lesbians and Gay men throughout Maine. Our Paper is dedicated to increasing awareness of gay and lesbian issues, offering support and affirmation as a community resource, and celebrating diversity within our communities.

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Letters to Our Paper & An Open Letter to the community

To the Lesbian and Gay Community:

When in the past Portland Pride committee members have decided not to present a march because of lack of staffing, community interest, or money, various segments of our community have come forward to express concern that a demonstration of some kind occur. Similar to many communities, little real support materializes for a Pride Celebration until just prior to the day of the event. Although, in Portland we have never lacked enthusiastic participants or, ultimately, been without the support of local business or organizations. In anticipation of the usual scenario, I have initiated preliminary steps for this year's Pride celebration. The permit has been requested and to make that request, the date has been tentatively set.

If done well, this is a unique opportunity for all segments of our diverse community and the friends of our community to share a common public expression of unity and to present a positive view into the strength of our lives. It is encouraging that traditional participants of the parade have already expressed interest and shared ideas, but the groundwork for a worthwhile event remains to be done. Prior to getting carried away with great plans that won't be realized, the current committee members are inviting the input, whether volunteer or comment, of any interested

persons or groups. Plans to have or not to have a Lesbian and Gay Pride event and when will be finalized by mid-April, so the time to speak up is now.

I may be reached at P.O. Box 861, Scarborough or by phone at 883-6934.

Michael Rossetti

Dear Our Paper:

Just wanted you to know how disappointed I was not to make it to the Contra-Dance tonight (due to the snowy weather—I live quite far from Portland); I had been looking forward to this for many weeks! It is such a rare opportunity to go to a Lesbian AND Gay Contra-Dance (I know they have them up North, but rarely if ever here in Southern Maine), and have the opportunity to socialize with all of our community together. I hope you will try this again—I have many friends who were equally disappointed about missing this dance, and would love to have another chance.

Enclosed is a contribution of \$10 from myself and my partner for your Mac. And by the way, I truly appreciate Holly Valero's column. She is an excellent writer, and never fails to bring a smile to my face. Keep up the good work.

- T.P.

(Ed. Note: see Maine Gayzette for Contra Dance update)

Dear Our Paper:

This letter appeared in the *Kennebec Journal*:

To the Editor:

Fay Zuckerman's TV column (KJ, 1/15) announced a program about gay bashing. The headline was, "Gay bashing tonight's topic on 'Quantum'". Since the KJ very kindly and wisely favored passage of the bill giving civil rights to gays, and certainly no one, absolutely no one, is in favor of gay bashing (so who is it who does it?), I wish the KJ would take every opportunity to educate these people who do not bash gays.

I wish every article pertaining to gays would start or end with three statements:

- Ten percent of people are gay or lesbian.
- One family in four has a gay or lesbian member.
- The 25 million gays and lesbians have each two parents. That means that there are 50 million parents.

Gays are born to be gay. Just as boy babies are born to become men, so also are gay baby boys born to become gay men.

The only thing anyone can do about it is to pretend that it is not so, live a lie, wreck one's own life, and quite often many others.

The tragedy of the lives wasted when a man or woman does not dare to go into

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Skinheads are generally young white working class men who adhere to white supremacist, neo-Nazi political beliefs. The movement originated in the United Kingdom in the poorer working class neighborhoods where Skinheads perceived themselves to be threatened by the influx of ethnic immigrants into their neighborhoods. The movement caught on here in the United States. Sergeant Mark Dion of the Portland Police Department and head of the Hate Crimes Unit said that Skinheads have been responsible for many of the hate-based incidents that have been reported to his office. The attack on Mr. Kowalsky is the 29th case involving gay-bashing or gay-baiting that Sergeant Dion has investigated since the unit was established in 1990. Many more incidents are never reported to the police. The Portland Police are looking for Mr. Kowalsky's attackers based on his descriptions of them.

All three major Portland-area television stations covered the story in their nightly news programs on the night of the attack, calling the incident a gay-bashing. However, the Saturday edition of the *Portland Press Herald* only featured a short account of the attack and did not mention the anti-gay nature of the attack even though that information was available to the *Press Herald*.

Mr. Kowalsky, who moved to Portland in October of 1991 to be nearer to his family, is recovering from the incident. When asked how he thought his case was being handled by the Portland Police Department, he said that the police were being supportive and had been in contact with him several times to follow up on the incident.

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INFO:

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OUT IS IN!

if you didn't

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read it here,

Maine Gayzette

QUEER continued from cover

Maine has a Hate Crimes Act which increases the penalties for certain crimes that are motivated by bias towards particular groups of people, including gay men and lesbians.

Channel 6 and Channel 8 covered the story in their nightly news programs, calling the incident a gay-bashing. However, the Saturday edition of the Portland Press Herald, while reporting the attack, did not mention the anti-gay nature of the attack.

ACT-UP COMMERCIAL AIRS ON CHANNEL 6

Just before President Bush gave his State of the Union address on January 28th, ACT UP/Portland got a few words in and got its message across to the people of southern Maine and New Hampshire. The group aired a commercial on WSCH-TV which showed a gay couple, a lesbian couple, and an interracial heterosexual couple, each about to kiss. The narrator pointed out how none of the presidential candidates has developed a program for fighting AIDS and stated that homophobic, racist, and sexist attitudes foster the spread of AIDS.

Dennis Lyones of ACT UP/Portland said that the ad was put together to get voters thinking about the AIDS epidemic and the positions of the presidential candidates regarding it.

The ad was originally to run on WMUR-TV in Manchester, New Hampshire, but was pulled by the station's General Manager, Larry Gilpin. He said that the "sexually-explicit, attention-getting visual was unacceptable."

Lew Colby, General Manager at WSCH-TV in Portland, considered the possibility that some viewers may be shocked by the ad. But free speech won out over bigotry. "We know that the shots of the males kissing and the interracial couple are going to raise some eyebrows," he said. "But considering the overall message of the spot, we're willing to accept the shock value."

LOCAL COUNTRY BOY GOES NATIONAL

Twenty-one year-old Joe Nadeau of Bangor was one of six gay men and lesbians featured in an article entitled "Homespun Homos: Rural Lesbians and Gay Men at Home in the American Hinterlands" in the February 25th issue of the *Advocate*, a national gay and lesbian magazine. Nadeau is satisfied with a small-town environment and doesn't yearn for the fast pace of Megapolis. "I don't think I could ever live in a big city. I'm basically a country boy at heart. The ultimate goal for any gay person living in a small town is to be out. What more could you want than freedom to be yourself? And the more of us that are out, the more freedom we will have."

ANNUAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BANQUET

The 4th Annual Women's History Month Banquet will be held Friday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m. at the Homestead Bakery in Farmington. Kristina Passman, professor of Classical

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aspirations to others when the phraseology we use approaches such an absurd degree of unwieldiness. Simpler terms are indeed much less pretentious and much more comprehensible. But "queer" is no solution.

Others believe that a parallel can be found in the pink triangle; take back a symbol that has been used to oppress us and transforming it into a source of pride and power. For most who use it, though, I expect that "queer" is appealing because of its sheer shock value. It's a way of telling others that we *know* they think there's something wrong with us, but we don't *care*; it's the ultimate in "in-your-face" politics.

Assuming that making people angry for the sake of it is a good thing, there is, however, still another, greater danger. Adopting new labels for ourselves is all right, so long as we don't do so very often. It took a great many years before we were able to convince each other and "the mainstream" to call us, rather than by "homosexual," by the much less clinical and much more human term "gay." Should we be so foolish as to attempt it, it would take many more years to change the lexicon once again. And for what?

It would seem to be a truism that the rest of America will have no idea how to think and talk about us if we don't first develop some kind of consensus about how we shall think and talk about ourselves. If I refer to myself as gay, but

someone else calls himself queer — or even calls *me* queer — what are people supposed to read from that? It wouldn't trouble me so much to be called "queer"

if I believed that were the term we had finally settled on. But I know it is not; next week there's an even change that yet another label will become all the rage. This consensus I'm taking about may at first appear quibbling and trivial, but it's actually very crucial if we are to have a meaningful dialogue about our rights as Americans. Though it won't be sufficient to gain us the freedom we seek, it is certainly *necessary*, because without this most simple agreement, we can hardly move at all.

What harm does "queer" do? A great deal. It tells both ourselves and heterosexuals that we are so fundamentally different from them that they couldn't *possibly* understand who we are and what we're about. It reinforces the already all-pervasive notion that gay people lead lives that are totally unlike those lead by straight people. That can only harm us.

"Queer" reminds me of when the

chant "black power" first rang out in the land some twenty-five years ago. It, too, had many positive connotations; it was a simple message that really seemed to

empower people. But it was nevertheless deeply troubling to many black civil rights leaders of that era — especially to the leader, Martin Luther King, Jr. He would say that if by black power they mean strength through community, he was for it. But he was concerned that "black power" might be sending another, far less helpful message; a startling, threatening message that could only alienate and inflame white America. Martin Luther King was so right

about so many things. Could he have been so wrong about that?

The case of gay people using the word "queer" is worse than most of the self-deprecating and self-defeating terms used by other minorities, because many gay people are not completely convinced that the stereotypes about us are nonsense. Certainly those of us who are just coming out don't know they're nonsense. They are frightened enough about "gay" people. Think about how frightened they must be about people

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Obituaries

RUTH S. BRANDWEIN

• Ruth S. Brandwein, 60, of Waterville, who served as President of Sterns Department Store from 1985 to 1989, died Sunday morning, January 26, 1992 at a local hospital.

An Elm City native born September 28, 1933, daughter of George H. and Florence (Shapiro) Sterns, she attended Boston University and then worked at Sterns.

After the sale of the family business in 1989, she served as a volunteer at Waterville, Mid-Maine Medical Center as a member of the Center's Auxiliary.

She later was a volunteer Buddy of Eric J. Clifford of Augusta, for Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services of Brunswick, continuing in that capacity even while she herself was hospitalized.

She is survived by a daughter, a son, her mother, two grandchildren, a step-grandson, and her buddy partner Eric J. Clifford.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 1992 at Colby College's Lorimer Chapel.

Ruth S. Brandwein did a great service to the AIDS community by giving so much of herself to a person with HIV during the last fifteen months of her life.

She is and always will be sadly missed by all whom knew and loved her.

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UNTITLED #1

by Alan Stearns

Erica Rand at Bates College recently appealed to students and campus groups to start a monthly column titled *Queer on the Quads*. For months I had been mulling over a similar idea, recognizing a disappointing lack of formal communication and sharing between Maine's many gay student groups, potluck circles, and disco bunny cliques. Remembering how Edna Mae Levasseur used to be Passadumkeag's community correspondent to the *Penobscot Times*, I decided I'd be community correspondent to *Our Paper* for the University of Maine School of Law's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Law Caucus.

The Caucus received some wonderful attention at the MLGPA's annual dinner where we were presented with an award recognizing our efforts opposing the School of Law's willingness to allow branches of the military to recruit straight law students, despite various faculty and trustee policies and initiatives that make the school appear unconditionally gay supportive. The man presenting the award read a wonderful account of our more visible and courageous efforts, and afterward people came up to congratulate and support us.

We left the MLGPA dinner with our egos bolstered, yet I didn't feel quite comfortable with the impeccable crusader status we had obtained. I wanted to write a column like this to expand on the many internal and external issues our group faces, and also to encourage other student groups the opportunity to share their activities to a state-wide audience, as ours were shared in Augusta.

The Law School has about 270 students, who, after spending three years cloistered in a round building, tend to all get to know each other at some level. It's also an older student body, with an average entering age of 27 years. The student body is not overly conservative politically, but law students are intensely conservative in that they have had amazing capacity to accept a highly structured system of schooling in anticipation of a highly structured career. Law students generally don't like to rock the boat, floral ties are considered daring, and those with propensities to mouth off in class are soon quieted.

In this context, the Caucus comes across as pretty radical, even though our activities are passive compared to memories of campus activism in my

undergraduate days. With the military issue, we often find ourselves dancing a fine line between aggressively pressing a point and alienating ourselves from our classmates and professors. This semester we are laying low on the military issue after perceiving that the average student is fed up with our assertiveness.

Fortunately, however, we may have stirred up the faculty enough so that the issue will continue to move behind the scenes without a need for more student rallying.

As a group we don't organize support sessions or social events, largely because of the school's small size. The military issue is not our only activity, however. Our other activities include visiting speakers on gay legal issues, AIDS education sessions, letter writing campaigns, and visible positive statements on National Coming Out Day and Martin Luther King Day. In deciding what activities to program, we are constantly stretched in terms of our own time and also conflicts in direction. Ideally we could invite speakers for the school,

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Languages and Literature at the University of Maine, will speak about her research on Amazons. Tickets for the banquet are \$6.00 and should be purchased in advance at Booksellers on Broadway in Farmington. The banquet is sponsored by The Feminist Network of Western Maine and The Women's Alliance for New Awareness. There will be a social hour from 5-6 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. For further information call 778-9636.

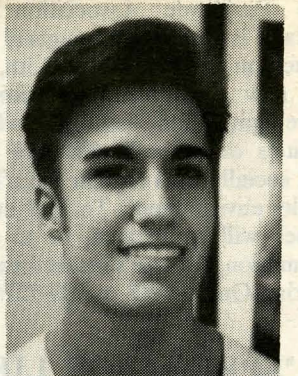
RYAN SCOTT AFTER THE FACT

by Marc Labbe

The story of Ryan Scott, a Lawrence High School senior who was harassed and physically assaulted at school because of being gay has had its play in the media. Yet with all the publicity and problems, Ryan Scott's story has finally come to a good resolution.

"I was thinking about finishing out the year by taking correspondence courses," Ryan said in his usually confident manner, "but that was too expensive. Finally, after receiving calls from friends, some saying 'come back,' others saying not to, I went. Most of my friends came running up to me and hugged me. Going back has been a mostly positive experience."

The experience has changed Ryan in a way that makes him confess he's not the same person he was a month ago.



"At first, it was embarrassing for people to shout things in the halls at school. But now it's out...if they say 'fag,' I say 'straight person.' Also, after it happened, I really found out who my real friends were."

Ryan's story in the paper and on television has brought home the fact to many Mainers that homophobia does exist. Even with the climate at Lawrence High School, Ryan feels that maybe times are changing.

"I find a lot of gay people are really negative. They don't let themselves be themselves," he says. "Maybe that has to do with the times. But I really do find that it is getting better around here. I think that they

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► **VIRGO** (August 23-September 22): An excellent time to dispose of unwanted items cluttering up the basement or attic. Bring them here to Katahdin. The tackier the better. A time to reward yourself with one of Katahdin's homemade desserts. Allow someone else to sweat over a hot stove for you.

► **LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): Your health demands that you eat more fish. Ordering Pan Fried Boneless Trout or Fillet of Sole earns you new respect. Improving your appearance will please associates.

► **SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Your mate may insist that you act in a more constructive manner. Resist the demand. Come to Katahdin, have the Lobster Spring Rolls, a Caesar Salad, Medallions of Pork Tenderloin, and top it off with a Chocolate Mountain. You will win the argument.

► **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): Although you have taken on a rather tough assignment, difficulties are offset by the promised rewards. Don't wait too long for someone else to reward you. Treat yourself to the Katahdin Experience. Romance takes on a rosy glow.

► **CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19): Your associates may not be able to help you out this spring - rely on your own efforts. Telling friends and family about Portland's most exciting new restaurant earns you new respect. Renovate your home.

► **AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18): Resist the urge to focus on someone's shortcomings. Take him or her to Katahdin and share a Goat Cheese Flan. If he or she doesn't absolutely love it, avoid all further contact.

► **PISCES** (February 19-March 20): Business must come before pleasure, especially during office hours. A co-worker's ideas tend to be on the extravagant side. Extend an invitation to Katahdin and demonstrate that extravagance does not have to be expensive. Consider a new wardrobe.

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will legalize gay marriages soon, and the future is optimistic."

He advises young people to come to terms with themselves, and to come out to someone, such as a friend.

"I think I'm a different case," he says. "I came out at 15 to my parents and friends. It was no big deal to them—they just said 'whatever,' you know? Many young people have low self esteem because all their friends are dating at school, and there they are at home on a Saturday night, watching 'Star Search'. I used to be like that," Ryan admits.

"The newspapers and T.V. was more of a political than a personal move for me; it was the point to say that gaybashing is going on."

"I've received a lot of calls from people of high school age saying 'I'm gay—what should I do?' I'd like to continue to help and to be political in the future. When I move to New York, I'd like to work with people with AIDS, and to speak at high schools, or to groups. As for now, nobody's asked me."

Whether Ryan's case is indicative of a new assertive attitude against homophobia, or as Ryan says, "the times are changing," progress is being made in Lawrence and in other towns—both large and small—throughout Maine.

GAY HEALTH CARE WORKERS PLAN POTLUCK

The Gay and Lesbian Hospital and Health Care Employee Association of Greater Portland is having an inaugural "finger food" potluck on Sunday, March 15th, at 3:00 p.m. This new employee association is a place where gays and lesbians, who work in hospitals or other health care settings, can meet socially on a regular basis in a safe and healthy environment. To find out where the potluck will be located, or to obtain more information, contact Vincent Luschas, LCSW, or Brian Quint, MD, at 799-7276.

"SPRING FOR LIFE"—THE AIDS PROJECT ART AUCTION

On Saturday evening, March 14, 1992, at 8:00 p.m., The AIDS Project (TAP) will host "Spring for life," the sixth annual Visual AID art auction. This year's auction will be held at One City Center in downtown Portland. All proceeds will benefit TAP's AIDS support services and prevention education programs in its service area, Cumberland, York, Androscoggin, and Oxford Counties. The evening's auctioneer will be Rob Elowitch of Barridorf Galleries. The admission price is five dollars.

Over 100 artists from Maine, or who have ties to Maine, have donated over 150 works for auction, including oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, prints, photography, jewelry, sculpture, weaving, and ceramics. The works range in value from \$40 to \$3000, with the majority of the works having a value from \$150 to \$450.

One of the more notable works up for auction is a work by the nationally known Maine landscape artist, Neil Welliver of Lincolnville. The piece is a large woodcut entitled "Sky in Cora's Marsh." Dewitt Hardy donated a watercolor called "Seabreeze." Toni Wolf, known for her intriguing self-portraits, has also contributed one of her works. Some of the other contributing artists are Alfred

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The Straight & NarrowTM by Holly Valero

▼ Snow. Sleet. Rain. A 40% chance of gray. My truck sounds like it's trying to pass a kidney stone. There is water in my basement. My partner and I have spent the past three weekends crawling around on our hands and knees in our drippy basement tearing up asbestos floor tile in preparation of having the place waterproofed. The floor, installed sometime during the bronze age, is welded in spots (floating in other spots) to the foundation in a loathsome soup that is two parts sticky black tile glue, one part reconstituted red paint, and three parts water seepage. I'd like to meet the guy who thought it would be a super idea to paint our cellar red...floor, walls, pipes. He's probably in an asylum for the criminally insane. Depending upon how long it takes to finish this job, I may meet him anyway.

Putty knives and hammers in hand, we pry, chip, and whack away for hours. I look across the room through scratched safety goggles and respirator at the woman I love. She is attacking, gladiator-style, the east corner with an ice chipper. Sweat puddles in my mask and images fill my mind. Pictures of me walking around this house five years ago saying, "hey, a little work here and there and this place will be fabulous!" I heave a sigh. Tile shards fly about like Chinese throwing stars, ricocheting off the furnace, the washer, and the two of us. I find myself doing things I never dreamed I would. Like wedging myself

underneath a filthy oil tank to scrape out the weird shaggy stuff from a darkened corner. Finding myself overjoyed when I come up with a handful of composted tile, dust bunnies, and what could be rodent remains.

Apartments start looking good. Real good. I try to remind myself that in fifteen or twenty years I'll have a good laugh about this. Once the foundation is exposed, our clothes are dropped on the spot for later detoxification. I take three or four showers and manage to get the majority of tile chips out of my hair. Is it spring, yet?

Another day breaks to Good Morning America and breakfast in bed with my lover and our cats. A public service message pops up during a commercial break. The voice over discusses A.I.D.S., but there is a photo of a man and woman kissing. Suddenly the photo switches to one of two men kissing. My spoonful of oat-bran pauses in mid-air. Another cut switches to a photo of two women kissing. My cereal bowl goes into my lap, my left hand clutches at my heart. I make sounds like a clogged sink. "Uh! Uhk! Uh-uh..." I gurgle, pointing wildly at the TV.

The recent heightened visibility of the lesbian and gay community has had a profound effect upon me. I feel positively resurrected from a purgatorial state of non-existence into living color. L.A. Law has a bisexual lawyer and recurring lesbian theme. The film Fried Green Tomatoes was one of the first

lesbian-based films for the general public that did not constantly analyze the fact that the leading women were lesbians. A recent newspaper article about a kid who dropped out of school because he was hassled for being gay actually ended with him returning to a cheering group of classmates. I was stunned. I don't even want to picture how that story would have ended back when I was in high school.

However, despite the media, I still seem to be the only lesbian in the lives of many straight persons I know. The token lesbian. Responsible for raising the consciousness - single-handedly - of many heterosexuals in my life. Parents, relatives, casual acquaintances, co-workers, and friends often claim that they never knew a lesbian before I walked into their lives, check-out stands, offices, Christmas parties, etc. Or maybe they think they know a gay man, but they aren't sure. Or the lesbian that they did know died of old age and they need a new one.

Being the token lesbian is a full time job with no overtime for holidays. It's a job that requires a backbone of cast iron for those times when some guy angrily walks up to you and starts talking about God, or why his ex-wife left him. And whether I know that "damn woman named Barb", or Jill, or Sue. Or those times when some child comments during a holiday dinner upon the nature of your relationship with his aunt. It's a labor of

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the legal community, and the Portland gay community, and still have time for activism and our personal needs. We would like to start a queer alumni network, a Lesbian/Gay Bar Association, and also volunteer our time to help with civil rights or AIDS-related law suits. The ambitious goals, however, are too often subrogated to the obligatory tedium of homework.

In my opinion, our biggest accomplishment is our mere presence, regardless of the details of our programs. The number of gay students this year is large enough and the organization is strong enough so that we can proudly flaunt a membership that forces hundreds of future lawyers to recognize that gay people are sitting next to them in class, fundamentally normal, and have no intentions of ever being silent again.

SURVEY BLANKETS AREA

Raymond Robichaud from OUTRIGHT/ Central Maine, has contacted *Our Paper* urging wider dissemination of an Anti-Gay Harassment/Violence Survey to assist the survey's sponsors, the National Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance and the Maine Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance, in gathering factual information about instances of anti-gay harassment in the state of Maine in 1991/92. (OUTRIGHT is an organization established to help and assist young gay men and women with issues of sexuality, coming, out, and self-esteem.)

What is an Anti-Gay Incident?

Your figures should reflect those incidents that were motivated in whole or in part by prejudice based on sexual orientation or HIV status. Such incidents can have occurred anywhere — at home, school, work, or on the street.

In order to determine whether an incident was motivated by anti-gay bias, sufficient information must be present. While no single factor may be conclusive, the following criteria can be used to determine whether an incident is hate-motivated.

- The perpetrators used anti-gay or

SNEAK PREVIEW by Barbara Winthrop Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

It's time to break out of the winter doldrums and prepare yourself for spring with the cinematic festivities of Out & Out Productions. It all happens on Sunday, March 15, 1992, at the Movies on 10 Exchange Street, Portland. Out & Out Productions offers a special sneak preview of the Lesbian & Gay Film Festival and the Maine Premiere of *Young Soul Rebels*.

Isaac Julien, an independent British film maker who directed *Looking for Langston* - a film well received at the first film festival back in 1990 - has created a dynamic and sensitive perspective of Black youth culture in the 1970s. The nature of "multicultural multisexuality" is explored amidst the intrigue of a murder. The vitality of the 70s is captured in the flamboyance of pop culture through funk/soul music and punk fashion. The romantic relationships are intense, yet the focus of *Young Soul Rebels* is on the powerful friendship between Chris and Caz. Chris is a "mercurial mulatto heterosexual" whose behavior is more stereotypically "gay." Caz is the moody Black homosexual, whose masculinity is portrayed in his vulnerability and fragility. *Young Soul Rebels* celebrates diversity: races, lifestyles, and sexual orientation. Its era is turbulent, but its vision is idealistic. As Julien says, "In 1977 on the dance floor when I was 17, I could see all different kinds of things happening that were exciting. There were transactions between black and white,

gay and straight, the punk ethic, the soul boy and soul girl ethic of doing it yourself and not believing everything that everyone tells you to do and be. These are the things that I want the audience to start remembering again..."

In addition to *Young Soul Rebels*, three short 16mm features will be viewed. Back by popular demand from the 1991 festival is *We're Talking Vulva*, a tongue in cheek statement about female sexuality and genitalia. Also viewed will be *Pedagogue*, a burlesque interview and parody on the upstanding instructor's influence on his students. *One Fine Day* is a musical celebration of women. Thanks goes to Walter's Cafe for co-sponsoring these three short films.

There will be two showings at the Movies: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 1992, at 10 Exchange Street in Portland's Old Port. Admission prices have been cut to \$7.00. There will also be a presentation at the Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville on Sunday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m.

Out and Out Productions is still looking for volunteers to help with promotion, to help solicit corporate sponsors, to assist in film-related projects, and to help stage the opening night celebration. If you would like to get involved, please call: (207) 828-4714.

AIDS-related language or symbols (e.g., use of terms "dyke" or "fag" or the painting of a swastika).

- There was an absence of other apparent motives (e.g., battery without robbery).

- The crime shows evidence of intense rage (e.g., severe beating or mutilation).

- There is a history of similar anti-gay/lesbian incidents in the same area.

- The victim/survivor or the larger community perceive the incident to be anti-gay/lesbian.

- The offender was involved in previous anti-gay/lesbian incidents or belongs to a hate group (e.g., Skinheads, Ku Klux Klan).

- The victim/survivor was engaged in activities promoting lesbian/gay equality or a response to AIDS.

- The incident coincided with a gay

holiday (such as Lesbian and Gay Pride Day or National Coming Out Day).

These factors are not all-inclusive of the types of objective information needed to determine whether an incident was hate-motivated. Accordingly, each incident must be considered on a case-by-case basis.

IF YOU ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT AN INCIDENT INVOLVED ANTI-GAY PREJUDICE AS A MOTIVATING FACTOR, DO NOT INCLUDE IT IN YOUR FIGURES. It is vitally important that your statistics be accurate and credible and not include any "padding."

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Chadbourne, Marjorie Moore, Howard Clifford, Mark Wethli, Celeste Roberge, Paul Heroux, Frederick Lynch, Dana Johnson, and Paul Rodrigue.

A preview of the art work will be held at One City Center starting at 12:00 noon on the day of the auction. A cocktail "celebration" hour will be held before the auction during which guests can meet the artists.

The organizers of the art auction, which is TAP's biggest annual fund-raising event, are very pleased with the diversity and sheer amount of the art work donated by area artists. "The outstanding response of Maine artists to our request for support demonstrates that AIDS is very much a community concern in Maine," said Pat Pinto, Director of Long Term Care at UNUM and Chair of this year's auction committee. "The strong support of artists in this tough economic climate is very gratifying," said David Becker, an independent art curator and auction committee member, "It is especially meaningful when artists support AIDS work, for AIDS has taken a high toll in arts communities across the country."

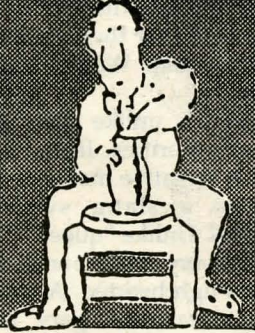
RICHARD PLANT TO SPEAK AT MATLOVICH MEETING

The Matlovich Society, the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine, and the Portland Museum of Art are cosponsoring Richard Plant's lecture "I Was a Double Alien Enemy: A Gay and Jewish Emigre from Hitler's Europe," on 9 April 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Portland Museum of Art.

Richard Plant was born in Frankfurt/Main, Germany in 1910. He was educated in Switzerland, receiving a Ph.D. at the University of Basel (History, Comparative Literature). In 1938, he emigrated to the United States. He was a member of the faculty of City University of New York for over twenty-five years. His published work includes *The Dragon in the Forest* (Doubleday, 1951), a novel about the pre-Nazi years, as well as numerous essays and short stories which have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, *The Advocate*, *Lambda Book Report*, *The New York Times Book Review*, etc.

In 1986, his book *The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War on Homosexuals*, was published by Henry Holt & Company. Recognized as the definitive work on the subject, *The Pink Triangle* is now part of the history curriculum at many colleges and universities: it won the Lambda Prize as one of the outstanding books in lesbian/gay studies published in the last ten years, and is now translated into Dutch and German editions. Plant has lectured widely — among other places, at Bates College in Lewiston — and is now working on a study on homophobia in America.

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Our Paper's first Gay Contra Dance, February 15, 1992 drew a crowd of just under 100, despite weather advisories and threats of snow, sleet, freezing rain, and icy roads. The dance, a fund-raiser for the purchase of a MacIntosh computer to ease the typesetting of Our Paper, brought in around \$500. First in what may be a series of dances, this contra dance was held at the First Congregational Church (a.k.a. Meetinghouse Hill Church) in South Portland. The crowd was predominantly male, due possibly to *lesbian black ice* (a glandular condition that propels many lesbians to stay home when the weather forecast turns unpleasant) or the women's Valentine's Dance held the night before. We hope to draw out more women at the next dance. Our Paper would like to thank everyone who made this dance a success, and thanks to everyone attending!

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV AND/OR AIDS STARTING IN MID-COAST

Due to an increasing need in the area, an HIV+ Support Group is beginning in Rockland. The Waldo-Knox AIDS Coalition is offering this group free of charge to anyone who is HIV infected or has AIDS. It will meet weekly on Thursday evenings. The place and exact time are not published to protect the anonymity of participants. More information can be obtained by calling WKAC at 338-1427. Collect calls will be accepted.

The group is being led by Jean Tracy, a doctor of psychology and licensed clinical social worker in private practice since 1978. She has extensive experience running groups, including one at the Maine State Prison. She has offered to facilitate this group following professional and personal involvement with people infected or affected by HIV. "I believe it is important", Dr. Tracy states, "for all of us to recognize the destructiveness of the moral judgments, fear and prejudice that surround this disease. After all, we are all humans on this planet together."

WKAC also sponsors two other support groups. A Mothers Group, facilitated by Margie Spencer-Smith meets every other Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Belfast. A group for anyone affected by AIDS — including friends, partners, family members and care-givers — is held the third Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m., also in Belfast.

AIDS ALLIANCE RECEIVES GRANT

The Aetna Foundation, through the Portland Office of Aetna Life and Casualty, has granted \$3,000 to the Maine AIDS Alliance to develop and buy HIV prevention ads in weekly and monthly newspapers in Maine. The ads will feature guidelines for safe and safer sex, and prevention messages related to drug and alcohol use. The ads will also promote the toll-free AIDS-line as a primary resource or information and referrals.

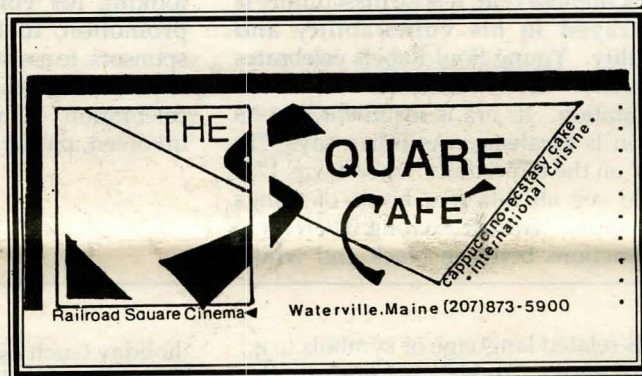
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who call themselves "queers." But even more importantly, too many gay people are convinced that at least *some* of society's harmful views about us are true. How many of us believe that gay men are far more sexually active than straight men are, or even that lesbians are far less sexually active than heterosexual women? not only is there no *evidence* of any of this; we *know* from psychological studies that these ideas are absolutely *false*. When we refer to ourselves as "queer," are we more or less likely to view ourselves through the same stereotypical lens that homophobes do?

I felt that my criticism of "queer" could be taken as a condemnation of the activities of Queer Nation. This is not at all my intention. I believe that the old debate between insider/outsider politics is at the core a false one; we clearly need *both*. The "conservative" insider players would accomplish little without others protesting *outside*. And the "radical" activist would be but a useless cacophony if the "team players" weren't there looking infinitely more reasonable. No. It's not as if we would win faster if only we were more "respectable." Those who most ardently oppose us will always find excuses for doing so, no matter *what* we do. No, this isn't about militancy vs. moderation. It's about making a choice between convincing people that we're just as abnormal as many already think we are, or convincing them that we are human beings, with many of the same problems, hopes, and dreams.

Some people argue that calling ourselves "queer" is simply the same kind of playful kidding that all other minority groups engage in. It's true that member of other groups will joke about themselves *among* themselves, just as we do. But it's also true that such derision is not funny at all when engaged in by people *outside* of the group. What is mere banter in the community become bigotry in society at large. The only acceptable venue for Jewish jokes is a closed gathering of Jewish people. If I — as a gentile — were to tell one publicly I'd get into trouble, as I *should*. Jews and other minorities, it would seem, know that the stereotypes about them are untrue. Others, however, do *not* know that. Such "jokes" in *their* presence would confirm and reinforce their prejudices. Sigmund Freud was quite right when he said: "There are no jokes."² "Queer" has come into such ubiquity that there's simply no way that others aren't going to hear about it. Maybe the biggest problem with its use is the likelihood that the rest of society will conclude that they are *supposed* to treat us as a joke. What a tragedy that would be.

"Queer" is unlike other pejorative terms for minorities. It had a distinct, inarguably negative meaning far before it became a slang synonym for homosexual. Unlike "queer," "gay" was a word with very positive origins; it meant happy and lighthearted. Actually, I was surprised to learn that "gary" has been at least an *oblique* reference to homosexuality for at least a hundred years. And certainly by the 1960s, it had solidly secured its place as our term of choice. What's wrong with "gay," anyway?

Would a parent be more likely to try to understand a child who came home and said she was gay or a child who came home and said she was queer? Would it be easier to pass a gay rights bill, or a
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queer rights bill? I recently spoke at a press conference in Boston on behalf of a statewide gay youth services bill. There were a few people — some of whom I know — standing outside handing out flyers that talk about "queer youth suicide." I thought to myself: How many heartstrings does *that* pull? "Gay" youth, sure. But *queer* youth? I wondered how many state legislators would vote for something called "The Queer Services Bill." Hell, even if I were in their shoes, even though I'd probably vote for it, I'm not sure I could be a great proponent of it. Somehow, speaking about "queer youth" (or perhaps "young faggots") just doesn't seem to help others to empathize with our young people. Precisely the opposite: When we talk about "queer" children (or queer anything else) those who are still unsure of what we're about — the vast majority of Americans — find it virtually impossible to take us seriously. Can anyone really be surprised about that?

The slogan says: "We're here, we're queer; get used to it." But they never will.

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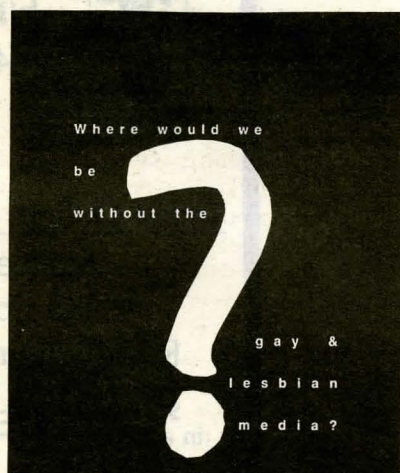
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Casco Bay Weekly, and Our Paper. The Maine AIDS Alliance will collaborate with the editorial boards to produce ads that are accurate, useful, readable, and culturally sensitive to each paper's readership.

The Maine AIDS Alliance is very pleased to receive support from Aetna, an insurance company, for this type of campaign. Perry Sutherland, Coordinator of this project for the Alliance, stated, "We need to get the word out to the mainstream that HIV prevention is for everybody. Magic Johnson's situation made people more aware, but they also need accurate, simple information if they really want to protect themselves. These public service ads are a first step. Aetna's support is very encouraging."

For more information about this project, contact the Maine AIDS Alliance at 621-2924.

WORKOUT FOR HOPE — AEROBICS AGAINST AIDS

On April 4th, Maine's top physical fitness experts will team up with volunteers across American in a national three-hour workout to raise money for AIDS research. The Fourth Annual Workout for Hope — Aerobathon Against AIDS — will happen on April 4th, simultaneously in 50 cities across the country. It will be Maine's first time participating in the national event and Portland will play the host city.

This three-hour extravaganza will raise funds for AIDS research at the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute. Since 1913, this non-profit organization has helped millions of people by providing compassionate patient care and conducting advanced research in the major disease of our time, including cancer, diabetes, Alzheimers and AIDS.

Your participation is vital to the success of Workout For Hope. When the people of Maine join together in this effort, the result will be a united force aimed at conquering AIDS in our world.

LOCAL WRITER DEBUTS IN CHRISTOPHER STREET

A short story by local writer, Michael Bendzela, appeared in the national magazine, *Christopher Street* (Issue 172). The piece is entitled "The Conversion." Mr. Bendzela is an instructor in English at the University of Southern Maine.

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March

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March 6 Friday

Clio Award Winner Comedienne Cheril Vendetti will appear at Paper Joe's, 80 Water, St., Augusta, ME. Showtime is 10:00 p.m.

March 6 Friday

Vigil and March - ACT UP/Portland. Tell Mayor Tom Allen that we're tired of gay-bashing and we demand protection. Candlelight vigil begins at 6:00 p.m. at Monument Square with a march through the Old Port and then to City Hall for a rally and speakout. Call QUEER NATION at 207-828-4024 for more information.

March 12 Thursday

ACT UP's FIFTH ANNIVERSARY: John Greenberg, Spokesperson for ACT-UP/New York, presenting ACT-UP's five year retrospective -- where it came from, what it has accomplished, where it is going, how it affects you. Sponsored by the Matlovich Society, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Rines Auditorium, Portland Public Library, 5 Monument Square, Portland. Wheel chair accessible; signing provided for the hearing impaired. For more information call the Matlovich Society at 657-2850.

March 13 Friday

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO AIDS. Workshop led by Treatment Alternatives founder John Greenberg, combining valuable holistic treatment information with the tools necessary to evaluate often-confusing medical options. Co-sponsored by the PWA Coalitions. Free for PWs; voluntary donation accepted from other interested persons. 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Matlovich Society Offices, 72 Pine Street, Portland. Wheel chair accessible.

For more information about registration, call the Matlovich Society at 657-2850.

March 14 Saturday

Join hundreds of art fans, artists, and AIDS educators at the Sixth Annual Visual AID Art Action to benefit The AIDS Project on Saturday, March 14, One City Center, in Portland. Art preview begins at noon with the action beginning at 8:00 p.m. Auctioneer: Rob Elowitch. Admission \$5.00. Snow date: March 15 at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact the AIDS Project at 207-774-6877.

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March 15 Sunday

Clio Award Winner Comedienne Cheril Vendetti will appear at The Riverfront, 193 Broad St., Bangor, ME. Showtime is 9:00 p.m.

March 15 Sunday

The Gay and Lesbian Hospital and Health Care Employee Association of Greater Portland is having an inaugural "finger food" potluck on Sunday, March 15th, at 3:00 p.m. This new employee association is a place where gays and lesbians, who work in hospitals or other health care settings, can meet socially on a regular basis in a safe and healthy environment. To find out where the potluck will be located, or to obtain more information, contact Vincent Luschas, LCSW, or Brian Quint, MD, at 799-7276.

March 16 Monday

The second Womancare Funday will be held at Portland Friends Meeting House on outer Forest Avenue on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the day's theme will be "Re-emergence." We will focus on activities that nurture our bodies, minds, and spirits. These will include an array of light-hearted, experiential mini-workshops, such as Shiatsu/accupressure, movement, woman-songs, creative visualization, creating Goddess-images, herbal cosmetics, and much more.

Participants are asked to share in a healthful, vegetarian pot-luck lunch. Extras will be provided.

Pre-registration is suggested. Womancare Funday will be limited to 25 participants. A sliding fee scale of \$40-55 (pre-registered) and \$45-60 at the door) plus some limited financial assistance will provide opportunities for all women to attend regardless of financial circumstances.

Please bring a notebook and pen, pillow and/or pad, and wear comfortable clothing. For further information, please contact Christina Hammond, 772-2159.

April 4 Saturday

Aerobics Against AIDS will take place at the Sonesta Hotel from 12 to 3 p.m. Teams from the best local fitness organizations will lead participants in intervals of various styles of aerobic exercise, including low impact, high impact, strength and conditioning exercises as well as the hottest new trend... step aerobics. Sponsor sheets can be obtained by calling 879-9114.

April 9 Thursday

March on Washington for Reproductive Rights. Maine N.O.W. is organizing buses to leave from Maine. Call 883-1195.

April 9 Thursday

The Matlovich Society, the Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine, and the Portland Museum of Art are cosponsoring Plant's lecture "I Was a Double Alien Enemy: A Gay and Jewish Emigre from Hitler's Europe," 7:30-9:00 p.m., 9 April 1992, Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square. Wheel chair accessible; signing provided for the hearing impaired. Seating is limited; a reception immediately follows the presentation.

"Spring for Life"

6th Annual Visual AID Art Auction
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Saturday, March 14, 1992

One City Center, downtown Portland

Works by over 100 Maine artists
A spectacle of Spring floral displays
Music and refreshments to delight the senses

Preview begins at NOON
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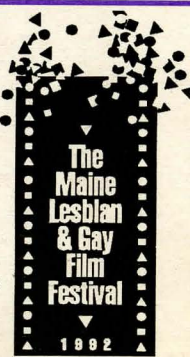
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ML/GPA ANNOUNCES SCHOLASTIC AWARDS COMPETITION AT ANNUAL DINNER

Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance recently announced the establishment of scholastic awards for deserving Maine high school students. In a letter sent to nearly 200 high school Guidance Counselors, ML/GPA stated the "need to initiate support for the next generation of members and supporters. Scholastic awards are one means of passing the torch." The award(s), given in the amount of \$500.00 (minimum), are open to any Maine high school student who has been accepted for Post Secondary education by a university, college, or vocational technical school.

Applicants should submit the following:

1. Statement of need
2. Letter of reference from high school counselor
3. Copy of acceptance letter from post-secondary institution.
4. An essay on the following topic: "In a society that routinely discriminates, what can I do to protect others from discrimination?"

Documents should be submitted to:
ML/GPA Scholarship Committee
18 Summer Street
Augusta, ME 04330

Deadline for submissions is May 1st. Award checks will be sent to the post-secondary institution. Essays become the property of ML/GPA and excerpts may be used for publication. Anonymity will be respected.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL KEEP HIV COMPLAINTS CONFIDENTIAL

The Maine Human Rights Commission has ruled that, in compliance with state laws on HIV confidentiality, the names of HIV-infected persons filing complaints with the Commission will not be publicly released. According to Frannie Davis, Chief Compliance Officer for the Commission, the complainant's name will be released only to the respondent (the one being accused of discrimination). The respondent is bound by law not to violate the confidentiality of people with HIV.

In the past, people with HIV have been reluctant to file complaints because the proceedings and files of the Human Rights Commission are public. There were fears that in filing a discrimination complaint, public knowledge of a person's HIV status would bring more trouble than it was worth.

This ruling should encourage people with HIV who have been discriminated against in housing, employment, education credit, or public accommodations to contact the Maine Human Rights Commission. The number there is 289-2326. (If you get the tape, leave a message. They will return your call.)

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ACT UP BANGOR

P.O. Box 1554
Bangor, Maine 04402-1554
(207) 947-3947
ACT UP BANGOR meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM, Peace and Justice Center, 58 Columbia Street, Bangor. For further information, contact Natasha Woodland.

ACT UP/MAINE

P.O. Box 5267
Portland, Maine 04101
(207) 774-7224 (207) 774-5082
ACT UP/MAINE is a diverse, non-partisan group united in anger and committed to nonviolent direct action to end the AIDS crisis. We protest and demonstrate; meet with government and public health officials; and research and distribute the latest medical information. We meet at 7 p.m. every Monday at 72 Pine St., Portland (Andrews Square Building). New members are always welcome.

THE AIDS PROJECT

22 Monument Square - 5th floor
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
(207) 774-6877

ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACOA) YWCA

87 Spring Street
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
Weekly open discussion with focus on Gay/Lesbian issues.

AIDS LINE

(207) 775-1267 or (800) 851-AIDS
Hours as follows:
Monday through Saturday: 9-5
Monday & Wednesday evenings until 7:30 PM. For questions or concerns about HIV/AIDS. Always strictly confidential.

AIDS RESPONSE OF THE SEACOAST

10 Vaughn Hall, Suite 3
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(603) 433-5377
A non-profit organization serving Southern Maine and the New Hampshire seacoast area, we offer a variety of services to individuals living with HIV, ARC, AIDS, and related illnesses. Our services include but are not limited to buddy programs, advocates, volunteers, support groups, referrals, community education, and limited financial assistance.

AM CHOFSHI

P.O. Box 5017
Portland, ME 04101
Am Chofshi (Hebrew for "A Free People"), Maine's Jewish Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual chavurah, meets monthly to share Jewish holidays and to build community. For more information, call Bob (207) 871-1014 or Susan (207) 833-6004.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY AIDS COALITION (AVAC)

P.O. Box 7977
Lewiston, Maine 04240-7977
(207) 795-4019
Non-profit organization with the following goals: to provide community education about AIDS/HIV; to coordinate and support community-based services to people living with AIDS/HIV, their families and significant others; to assess AIDS needs in our communities and to provide a unified front on AIDS needs and issues; and to provide a forum for the exchange of support, professional skills, and technical resources. We have been meeting regularly at the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross in Auburn since late 1988, and welcome all interested parties to attend our meetings. For more information write or call.

BATES COLLEGE GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

For more information write:
Box 77
Bates College
Lewiston, Maine 04240
Group meets Sunday evenings at 8:30 PM in Hirasawa Lounge, Chase Hall, Bates College.

BATH MEN'S GROUP

Meets weekly for fun, fellowship, and good food. For more information, call (207) 443-1211. All welcome.

BELFAST AREA AIDS GROUP

for PWA's, HIV+, family, friends and caregivers. Call the Waldo County Aids Coalition at (207) 338-1427, or Alan at (207) 548-2929 (evenings or weekends). Meets on Mondays.

BOTTOMS-UP

c/o The Norsemens
P.O. Box 56
Chocorua, NH 03817
603-367-8304

BOWDOIN COLLEGE BISEXUAL/GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE FOR DIVERSITY (B-GLAD)

Moulton Union Info. Desk
Bowdoin College
Brunswick, Maine 04011
Group meets on Wednesday at 9 p.m.; Hubbard Hall.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH (CCDH)

813 Washington Avenue
Portland, Maine 04103
(207) 874-1025
CCDH is a non-profit, United Way agency dedicated to providing exceptional dental care to every individual in the community. Fees are on a sliding scale based on the individual's income level. Clinics are located in Portland, Saco, and Auburn Maine. Please call for more information.

COLBY COLLEGE BISEXUAL/LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY

c/o Student Activities Office
Colby College
Waterville, Maine 04901-0000
Informational phoneline second and fourth Wednesday of every month (207) 873-3536. For more information call Mark (207) 872-3683 or Al (207) 872-3000. The CCBLGC serves members of the Colby and Waterville communities as both a social and political medium. Promoting community awareness and knowledge, the CCBLGC maintains safe and comfortable atmosphere for bisexuals, lesbians, and gays. Group meets on Monday evenings.

DIGNITY/MAINE

P.O. Box 8113
Portland, Maine 04104-8113
Organization of gay and lesbian Catholics and their friends. Organized to reinforce our self-acceptance and dignity as people of God, to develop leadership, and to be an instrument through which gay and lesbian Catholics may be heard by the church and society. Group meets on Monday evenings.

DOWN EAST AIDS NETWORK (DEAN)

114 State Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
(207) 667-3506
A gay positive, community-based, grass roots organization providing education to communities and case management and other support services to those affected by HIV or those working with HIV are held in Ellsworth. For more about about these groups or other services, please call Bobby Poulin at 207-667-3056.

DOWNEAST INTEGRITY CHAPTER-INFORMATION

C/O Rev Fr. Edwin A. Garrett, III
St. Saviour's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 355
Bar Harbor, Maine 04609
(207) 288-5362
Meets second Monday of the month at St. Saviour's Church. Please call for more information.

EASTERN MAINE AIDS NETWORK (EMAN)

P.O. Box 2038
Bangor, Maine 04401-2038
(207) 990-EMAN
Provides case management services to HIV-infected people and their families in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington, and Aroostook counties. Support group meets every Thursday evening in Bangor. In addition, EMAN staff are available to provide educational presentations within the same five county area.

THE EON SOCIETY

48 North Main Street
Rochester, NH 03867
(603) 335-1011 or (207) 636-1158
Services include: support groups; referrals; community education; counseling; the FREE distribution of HIV/AIDS information; more (gay-centered and positive).

FEMINIST SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

9 Deering Street
P.O. Box 3771
Portland, Maine 04104-3771
(207) 773-2294
Meets on Monday evenings.

GAY/LESBIAN CONTRA DANCERS

69 Mountain View Avenue
Bangor, Maine 04401-0000
(207) 947-2329

GAY/LESBIAN PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Portland, Maine
(207) 780-4085
(207) 772-4741

GAY/LESBIAN ALLIANCE

The Powers House
88 Winslow Street
Portland, Maine 04103-0000
(207) 874-6596

GAY/LESBIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

c/o Williston West Church
32 Thomas Street
Portland, Maine 04102-0000
Meets Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK

P.O. Box 212
Bangor, Maine 04401-0000
(207) 862-5907
(207) 866-7958
Meets Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

GAY-LESBIAN PHONELINE

(207) 498-2088 TDD/Voice
Staffed Wednesdays, 7-9 PM
Accepts TDD and voice messages at all other times Maine's only service of its kind, the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline has served the community since 1982. Operated by Northern Lambda Nord, the Phoneline provides peer support, information, education, and referrals for callers.

GAY MENS SUPPORT GROUP

Augusta/Waterville area. Tuesday nights from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Call 873-4301 for details and directions.

HARBOR MASTORS, INC.

P.O. Box 4044
Portland, Maine 04101-0000

INTEGRITY

St. Matthew's Church
18 Union Street
Hallowell, Maine 04347-0000
(207) 623-3041
(207) 845-2985
Lesbian and Gay Episcopal and their friends. It is a family within the church, a place to find close community and support. It offers an opportunity to find growth, education, and prayer.

LESBIAN AND GAY FREEDOM TRAIL BAND

c/o YWCA - 7th floor
120 Clarendon Street
Boston, Mass.
(617) 424-7025 [Kathy]
(617) 267-6186 [Gary]
(598) 264-9085 [Zoe]
Meets Tuesday evenings.

LESBIAN/GAY COMMITTEE

Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
P.O. Box 5112 - Station A
Portland, Maine 04102-5112

LIFESTYLES ALLIANCE CLUB

University of New England Campus
Biddeford, Maine
(207) 283-0171
Advisors: Barbara Hazard and Vern Patterson
An organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight persons. Our organization began in the spring of 1989 out of concern that there was no organization on campus that dealt with different sexual preferences. We currently have students from the various colleges including OT, PT, Medical Students, MSW, and undergraduate students. Our primary goals include support and educating others about alternative lifestyles. All persons are welcome to attend or call to find out more about our organization. Call Student Affairs Office for meeting time/location.

MAINE CONNECTION

P.O. Box 5145 - Station A
Portland, Maine 04102-5245

MAINE BISEXUAL PEOPLE'S NETWORK

P.O. Box 10772
Portland, Maine 04104-1792
The purpose of the Maine Bisexual People's Network is to affirm in ourselves and others the positive nature of bisexuality and to work toward greater acceptance in the bisexual, gay, lesbian, and straight communities.

THE MATLOVICH SOCIETY

P.O. Box 942
Portland, ME 04101-0000
(207) 773-4444
An educational and cultural organization of gays and lesbians committed to sharing our history as well as providing person-affirming presentations and discussions in a supportive social environment. Regular meetings of the Society: 7:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Rines Auditorium, Portland Public Library.

MERRYMEETING AIDS SUPPORT SERVICES

P.O. Box 57
Brunswick, Maine 04011-0057
(207) 725-4955
Provides support services to PWA's, those with HIV disease, and their family and friends. MASS also provides education services free of charge to the greater Bath/Brunswick community. MASS also has "buddies" available for PWA's and HIV+.

THE MAINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 7329 DTS
Portland, Maine 04112-7329
A non-profit, tax-exempt organization that offers both direct and indirect financial support for people with AIDS (PWAs) in Maine. Please write for more information.

MAINE LESBIAN/GAY POLITICAL ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 232
Hallowell, Maine 04347
Northern Maine — 942-3901
Capitol & Mid-Coast — 623-2349
Southern Maine — 646-4872
The Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance has a clear mission: to exert the power of lesbian and gay citizens and their supporters throughout the entire state of Maine on state politics and legislation. Through the generous support of our members, our families and friends, over the years we have pursued the mission through a combination of political action, lobbying and grassroots mobilization. We work to elect candidates who will support our civil rights in the Legislature, and to give civil rights greater prominence in political dialogue. We promote legislation to end discrimination against lesbians and gay men, to support the right of women to choose, to validate our relationships and to ensure an effective governmental response to the AIDS crisis in Maine. MLGPA works within our own community and with our coalition partners to enlist and empower all people to take a stand for the civil rights of Maine's gay and lesbian citizens.

MIDCOAST MAINE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAY (P-FLAG)

(A Chapter of the National Federation P-FLAG)
23 Winthrop Street
Hallowell, ME 04347
Information and HOT LINE: (207) 623-2349
or
Sally and Gene 207-729-0519.
Meetings: 4th Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim House, First Parish Church (UCC), 9 Cleaveland Street, Brunswick, ME 04011. Theme: Keeping Families Together by helping parents understand, accept, and support their children with love and pride. The group also works to educate the community about homosexuality and works to extend civil rights protections to gays and lesbians. Peer support and accurate information; a safe place with persons who care. Speakers and programs available.

MONADNOCK AREA WOMYN (MAW)

P.O. Box 6345
Keene, NH 03431
A lesbian social/service organization since 1987.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY MEN (MVM)

P.O. Box 36
Center Conway, NH 03813-0036
(207) 925-1034 (Paul)
A social group for gay men from western Maine and eastern New Hampshire. We meet at each others' homes for Pot Luck and plan activities as the members desire. Write or call for more information.

NEW BRUNSWICK COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REFORMS

P.O. Box 1556
Station A
Fredericton, New Brunswick
Canada
E3B 5G2

THE NORSEMEN

P.O. Box 56
Chocorua, NH 03817
603-367-8304
A leather club for gay and bisexual men from North Central New Hampshire, The Greater Portland and Western Maine area of good will who are into the leather and western scene and its amenities. For more information write to The Norsemens, P.O. Box 56, Chocorua, NH 03817 or call 603-367-8304

NORTHERN LAMBDA NORD

P.O. Box 990
Caribou, Maine 04736-0990
(207) 498-2088
Maine's oldest organization for lesbian-gay-bisexual people, NLN (founded 1980) serves Aroostook County and neighboring New Brunswick towns; sponsors social activities, discussion groups, and a speakers bureau; publishes a monthly newsletter and activities calendar; has a 1000-volume lending library for members; operates Maine's only phone service, the Gay-Lesbian Phoneline.

GREATER PORTLAND CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN

c/o YWCA
87 Spring Street
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
(207) 879-0877 (Perry Krasow)
An action-oriented group. Our primary goals are three-fold: [1] to foster Equal Rights for women; [2] to insure unrestricted choice around reproductive rights; [3] to support Lesbian and Gay rights. We have speakers and events for the public on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

OUR PAPER

9 Deering Street
P.O. Box 737
Portland, Maine 04104
(207) 761-0733
Our purpose is to serve as a voice for the lesbians and gay men in Maine. We are made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who wish to broaden the understanding of our lifestyles and of each other. New volunteers are welcomed.

Regional Gay zette

OUT AND ABOUT

P.O. Box 695
Cape Neddick, Maine 03902
Keryn at (603) 749-5852
Out and About, a Lesbian social and support group, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Portsmouth, NH. New members welcome. Call Keryn at (603) 749-5852 or write P.O. Box 695, Cape Neddick, ME 03902 for more information.

OUT FOR GOOD

First Parish Church
15 Beach Street
Saco, Maine
Out For Good, a lesbian discussion/support group, meets each Thursday at the First Parish Church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This non-smoking meeting deals with issues relevant to the lesbian lifestyle. Meetings are free, but a donation \$1 donation is requested to defray the cost of the room. Meetings are confidential. For further information call Bobbi after 5:30 PM at 247-3461.

OUTRIGHT

P.O. Box 802
Portland, Maine 04212
Support Group for Lesbian and Gay Youth (22 years of age and younger). The purpose of this group is to offer area gay and lesbian youths with a safe, supervised social environment where they can provide each other with information and support. Information is provided by calling First Call at 795-6677 or 1-800-339-4042.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG)

P.O. Box 2080
Great Island,
Brunswick, Maine 04011
(207) 725-4769
(207) 729-0519/623-2349

PORTLAND PRIDE

P.O. Box 681
Scarborough, Maine 04074-0681

POSITIVELY SOBER

T.I.R.N.
377 Cumberland Avenue
(207) 871-9211
Meets Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. for those recovering A.A.s living with HIV or AIDS.

PRIME TIMERS OF BOSTON

c/o D. Bourbeau
604 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118-1605
An organization for older gay males that meet monthly on the third Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 PM. See Calendar section for change in location and schedule (if any).

PWA COALITION OF MAINE

377 Cumberland Avenue
Portland, Maine 04101-0000
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love in the truest sense of the word. Or at least it was until February 17, 1992.

Stopping at Shop-N-Save Monday for cat treats, kleenex, and light cream, I came across the Newsweek cover asking, "IS THIS CHILD GAY?" The article concerns the findings of neuroscientist Simon LeVay of the Salk Institute in LaJolla, California. In examining the cadavers of 41 individuals, 19 of which were homosexual men, he found that a small area of the brain - the hypothalamus - believed to control sexual activity was less than half the size in the gay men as opposed to the straight men. Interesting, but open to a lot more scientific scrutiny and debate. The rest of the article, however, was a hodge-podge of Sigmund Freud's theories on the origins of homosexuality, success stories of therapists who have cured gay clients, the possibility of a gay gene and the threat of genetic tampering, and a few personal stories - including one woman who claimed that had she been able to determine in advance that her child was going to be gay, she might not have carried that child to term. I'm sure some editor at Newsweek believes that this is a well-rounded and meaty study of gay and lesbian culture. It's not. It's a token. Token commentary by a few lesbians and gays stirred up into an overabundance of heterosexual prejudice masquerading as news.

I absentmindedly began searching for the ibuprofen. What next? Budweiser commercials featuring T-shirts emblazoned with the logo, "Ask me about my hypothalamus!" Born-again heterosexuals? Prenatal screening for queer babies? The religious right might suddenly find themselves pro-choice overnight.

I would also like to know why the commentary by lesbian editor Frances Stevens appeared with a photo of her in bed with a pet pig - minus any caption that would have explained just what the Hell she was doing. It always warms my heart to see articles featuring gays and lesbians engaged in counter-culture, whacko, or new wave activity. Why? Because I, token lesbian, will spend the next few months trying to convince twenty or more straight people that pigs are not the national symbol of gay pride, lesbians do not collect pigs, there is no pig-lesbian connection of which I am aware, and that the woman just had, I guess, a pet pig. Why? I don't know.

The article - spotlights of condescending therapists who plugged their heterosexual-retraining programs were especially touching. I get all Thelma and Louise just thinking about it. I'm glad they didn't dilute the message with the conflicting opinions of those who are sane. This is going to go into overtime. I can already hear three or four people I know saying, "well, in Newsweek that guy was queer...and he's normal now..."

In focussing on the psychiatric community as a whole, the article did mention the new trend in therapy to not "cure" homosexuals, but to help them feel better about their existence. Despite the fact that the American Psychiatric Association and its members removed homosexuality from its list of emotional disorders in 1973, 37% of the A.P.A. voted against that move a year later. Of course, that was then and the percentages have no doubt changed, but this article certainly didn't bother to look into that. The cure-the-homo story got the bold

BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS COMING TO PORTLAND

In 1981, Boston's gay community was inspired by the first national tour of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus. A few months later, on a chilly February night, 12 Bostonians gathered for the first time to enjoy the fellowship of song. One decade later, the 100-member Boston Gay Men's Chorus has blossomed into one of New England's most innovative, vibrant, and flat-out fun musical institutions.

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OUTRIGHT 92 AND 2000 WRITERS COMING TO BOSTON

Award-winning Novelist Allan Gurganus to Keynote OutWrite 92

BOSTON—Allan Gurganus, the award-winning and best selling author of *The Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All*, will deliver a keynote address to OutWrite 92 on March 22, 1992. Gurganus will join authors Dorothy Allison, Melvin Dixon, and Marianna Romo-Carmona to headline OutWrite 92, the third national lesbian and gay writers conference, to be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers, March 20-22, 1992.

The third national gathering of lesbian and gay writers, editors, publishers, literacy agents, booksellers, and readers is expected to attract nearly 2000 people.

Other highlights include: a series of readings featuring four dozen gay and lesbian writers, curated by publicist Michaela Karlsberg; writing workshops taught by Minnie Bruce Pratt, Stephen McCauley and Kate Rushin; panel discussions on a variety of topics, including "Editor/Writer/Agent," "The Language of Lesbian Sex," "Can Sexuality Subvert Racist Stereotypes," and "Broadening the Coverage of the Gay and Lesbian Media."

Registration fee is \$50. Checks are payable to: Out/Look, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114-2512. Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-800-225-2008 or 617-426-2000. A special conference rate of \$75 for singles through quads has been guaranteed by the hotel.

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NEW JERSEY ENACTS NATION'S FIFTH STATE BIAS BAN

New Jersey governor James Florido signed a statewide ban on anti-gay discrimination Jan. 19, making his state the fifth in the nation to adopt a gay rights guarantee and marking the success of a behind-the-scenes lobbying strategy that kept the bill out of the public eye long enough to prevent conservatives from derailing it.

The measure, which had languished in the state legislature since its introduction in 1984, prohibits antigay discrimination in employment, housing, credit, and public accommodations. Both houses of the legislature, which were controlled by Democrats, approved the measure Jan. 13, the last day before they adjourned to be replaced by a new Republican-controlled legislature.

Eric McKinley, a member of the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition, a political group, said that lobbyists for the bias ban strove to keep information about the measure's progress out of the media for as long as possible to avoid rousing the bill's opponents, which included the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) and Concerned Women for America (CWA), a conservative political group.

"We didn't want our opponents to know what we were doing," McKinley said. "The lobbying effort was designed so there was no press, and there wasn't. We were able to frame the issue as a justice issue instead of a morality issue."

"With the new Republican majority, the number of people who did not support the bill—either because they didn't want to or because they were not yet members of the legislature—is enough to repeal it."

But Republican state assembly member Walter Kavanaugh, who opposed the bill, said that a repeal is not likely. "The bill is part of the law now, and it's a matter of fairness to leave it there," he said.

Another potential threat to the bill comes from Republican support for the establishment of a state referendum system, in which voters could vote through ballot measures to overturn specific pieces of legislation. Several Republican legislators built their campaigns last year around support for initiation of the referendum system, but Kavanaugh said many of them were now having "second thoughts" about it, and Baer said he would insist that civil rights laws be exempted from any referendum system that is enacted.

HAWAII LAW CHALLENGED

HONOLULU — Freedom of religion is the basis for a conservative organization's recently-filed lawsuit challenging state law which prohibits employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Rutherford Institute of Hawaii, which credits itself as defending "religious liberty," filed the suit in federal court last month, according to *Island Lifestyle* magazine. Naming Gov. John Waihee as the head defendant, the suit seeks "federal court protection and to preserve freedoms of religion, speech, press, and association which have been restricted by the Hawaii Legislature's and governor's attempts to control public and private opinions on the issue of whether or not homosexuality is acceptable in our society," according to Institute attorney James Hochberg.

The Hawaii law was signed by Waihee March 21, 1991, after what activists described as a low-key effort to enact a bill, that had been pending in the state legislature since 1974. Opponents were caught off guard and mounted an unsuccessful last-minute effort to dissuade the governor from signing the legislation.

But State Attorney General Warren Price characterized the suit as "frivolous," state that the law already allows for exemptions "if homosexuality violated a basic religious belief."

GAY RIGHTS COMES UP, AND GOES DOWN IN FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE, FL — Gay rights legislation was introduced for the first time in the Florida legislature last month, but was voted down twice by a House subcommittee.

The legislation would have amended the proposed Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to add sexual orientation to the list of categories protected from discrimination.

Following a public hearing at which supporters and fundamentalist opponents testified, the Court Systems, Probate and Consumer Law subcommittee voted on Jan. 27, and again in a reconsideration vote two

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SAFER SEX AND DRUG USE GUIDELINES

These guidelines are for all of us who are making decisions about sexual activity and drug use in the midst of the AIDS epidemic.

HIV is a virus widely thought to be a cause of AIDS. The highest concentrations of HIV are found in blood and semen, so it's important to avoid any way in which HIV-infected blood or semen can get from one person's body into another person's bloodstream.

- Fucking (anal and vaginal) without a condom and sharing needles account for almost all the documented cases of HIV transmission.

- Oral sex without a condom or dental dam accounts for a very few documented cases of HIV transmission.

- Other ways of transmitting HIV that have not been documented but which could be theoretically risky include: fisting, finger fucking, rimming, deep kissing, sharing uncleaned dildos. The theory here is that any way HIV-infected bodily fluids get from one person into another involves risk. For example, HIV could be transmitted if a person with a cut on their hand fistfucked their partner and caused bleeding in their rectum or vagina.

HOW TO PLAY SAFER

Only you can decide what risks you are willing to take. Some people use safer sex practices with all their partners. Other people make decisions about the risks they are willing to take based on their own and their partners' sexual and drug use history and/or HIV status. People also make decisions based on how comfortable they feel negotiating safer sex in any particular situation. If you and your partner have not talked about past practices and/or HIV status, don't make assumptions. (For example, many lesbians have had unprotected intercourse with a man in the last ten years.)

- Use a condom when fucking. On the condoms, use water-based lubricants like KY. Oil-based lubricants like Crisco, Vaseline, and baby oil may make condoms break.

- Use a condom when sucking dick if your partner is going to come in your mouth. If HIV-infected cum or pre-cum gets in your mouth, it may get in your bloodstream through cuts in your gums or sores in your mouth.

- Use dental dams (latex squares) when going down on a woman if she is having her period or has a vaginal infection. Menstrual blood and secretions from vaginal infections have more HIV than healthy vaginal secretions or urine. No information has been gathered about the concentration of HIV in "female ejaculate."

- Use latex gloves for fisting or finger-fucking if you have any sores or cuts on your hands.

- Keep semen and blood (including menstrual blood and blood drawn from piercing, cutting, or shaving) out of your vagina, anus, mouth, or breaks in your skin.

- If you share dildos, vibrators, or other sex toys, use a new condom each time, or clean toys with hydrogen peroxide or soap and water.

- Alternative insemination may put you at risk. Discuss this risk with potential donors or sperm banks.

- Massage, hugging, dirty talk, role-playing, masturbation (solo, with a partner, in a group) and other activities that don't let blood or semen into your bloodstream are safe.

- Alcohol, poppers, or other drugs may lower your ability to make good decisions. Many people have reported that they have been unable to maintain safer sex practices after getting high.

- Good nutrition, lots of rest, exercise, and nonabuse of alcohol and other drugs may help you fight all illnesses, including AIDS.

INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE

- Don't share works (needles, syringes, droppers, spoons, cottons, or cookers)!

- If you must share or re-use works, clean them before and after each injection as follows: dip needle and works into bleach, draw up and release three times, dip needle and works into fresh water, draw up and release three times. In an emergency, rubbing alcohol or vodka can be used instead of bleach, or you can boil works that aren't plastic in water for at least 15 minutes. (Use a fresh solution each time you clean your works.)

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Augusta Area HIV+ Support Group, Gardiner, ME: 207-777-1701 (Steve) or 207-371-2147 (Cecilia)

Down East AIDS Network (DEAN), Blue Hill, ME: 207-326-8580 (Tracy)

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), New York: 212-807-6655

Maine Health Foundation: 207-773-3564

Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services, Brunswick, ME: 207-725-4955

National AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-7514

National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), Washington, DC: 202-544-1076

Rumford/Mexico Area AIDS Support Group: 207-3369-0259

Support Group for Women with AIDS, ARC, or who are HIV+,

Portland, ME: 207-774-6877

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type on page 52 of Newsweek, reflecting a media still more interested in selling the "I was a teenage faggot" story. Did I mention that the whole Newsweek article barely mentioned anything about LESBIANS? Save for the mention that Freud was always foggy on female sexuality. So, what we are left with is - let me make sure I get this right - upwards of 30% of the psychiatric community labelling us as emotionally disturbed, while upwards of 70% of the psychiatric community tries to make us feel better about the first 30%. Something like a Klu Klux Klan fund-raising picnic where most of the profits go toward helping Blacks cope with the persecution and oppression of living in America, while a few dollars are put in a slush fund for sheets and dry-cleaning. I don't know that my opinion of the psychiatric community is improving any, but my feelings toward them are certainly growing stronger every day!

I think I'll take all that money I was

going to blow on therapy and invest it into evenings out, champagne, a world cruise, college education, and a tune-up for the truck.

WCSH television evening news the other evening headlined a story about gay-bashing and hate crime. Oprah Winfrey's show that same day was angry wives who have it out with their husband's gay lovers. It's all tokens. Token political-correctness. Token coverage. Token news item. Token issue. Token concern.

There are countries so anti-female that the birth of a female child may easily lead to that child's murder by drowning or suffocation moments after birth. China and India are two examples of that kind of thinking. Strangely, we find that unconscionable. In the United States, however, a mother professes to love her child enough that, if she new she was giving birth to a gay or lesbian child, she would end the pregnancy. No doubt out of token love. ■

Letters to Editor...

his chosen line of work because he knows he would face intolerable discrimination must stop. The tragedy when a gay man or lesbian marries, thinking it will cure him or her must stop.

The tragedy of parents disowning their children must stop. The tragedy of children not daring to tell their parents that they are gay or lesbian, of keeping their lives secret from their families must stop. The tragedy of gay and lesbian teenagers killing themselves three times as often as other teens must stop.

The Maine Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance will be having its seventh annual banquet and dance February 1 at the Augusta Civic Center. I find each year that it is the most empowering event I attend. We expect about 500 people this year. Can you imagine 500 intelligent, industrious, competent, educated, friendly, proud-to-be-gay men and lesbians in one room with their friends and family? Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is making up tables. Won't you join us?

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Frances E. Pentlarge
Hallowell

Dear Our Paper:

OUTRIGHT/Central Maine, has two teenage members who have found it necessary to leave school this year because of abuse and harassment. Teachers and administrators did not come to their assistance and correct the behavior of the abusers*. Accordingly, leaving was their only alternative. Two other gay students not associated with us have also left the same school here in Auburn within the past few months.

We met the young man who recently made his leaving Lawrence High School a public issue and it occurs to me this might be a larger problem than otherwise believed.

To better grasp the extent of the problem and explore solutions, we ask that anyone who has had to leave high school under similar circumstances, anywhere in Maine within the past two years, contact us.

Sincerely,

Raymond Robichaud
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*See related article in Maine Gayzette

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days later, to reject the amendment.

The rejection was by voice vote and individual votes were not recorded. However, the *Miami Herald*, which asked subcommittee members how they voted, reported that the tally was 6-4 against the amendment, with one member refusing to disclose his vote.

TAKE OFF MY CALVINS?

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is calling to task two more advertisers who, despite the fact that gay people make up a huge share of their market, refuse to advertise in gay magazines or newspapers: The Gap stores and Calvin Klein.

Calvin Klein has cultivated gay customers with homoerotic ads, all the time denying that his near-naked men in seductive poses are meant to attract gay men!

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Write both Calvin Klein, President, and Barry Schwartz, Chairman, Calvin Klein, Inc., 205 W. 39th St., New York, NY 10018.

The Gap (which also owns Banana Republic stores), is a nationwide chain which cultivates a hip, contemporary image. Gays and lesbians helped make The Gap the huge success it is today, but while the chain enjoys gay dollars it treats the gay press like a pariah. Write Donald Fisher, Chairman and CEO, The Gap, Inc., P.O. Box 60, San Bruno, CA 94066.

JEWISH MOVEMENT BACKS GAY RIGHTS

Leaders of the Reconstructionist movement of Judaism have called for "full and complete equality of homosexuals in Jewish life," including same-sex marriage. Valerie Kaplan, president of the 50,000-member Reconstructionist Federation, said the movement's "core principle...is that peoplehood unites us all; this declaration on gays and lesbians flows out of that."

MEDIA AWARDS COMPETITION

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association is currently seeking nominations for the Best of 1991 Media Awards Competition. Submission deadline is March 16. For information about the 20 categories, rules, and submission requirements, call or write: GLPA Awards Program, P.O. Box 8185, Universal City, CA 91608-0185, 818-902-1476.

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Film Reviews

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Fried Green Tomatoes

Based upon the Fannie Flagg novel, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*, this film is similar to a holiday meal - lots of great stuff, plenty of variety, and a headful of happy left-overs to take with you as you leave the theatre.

Kathy Bates is Evelyn Couch, a disenchanted housewife married to every woman's nightmare: Ed. Evelyn divides her screen time between attending consciousness-raising classes for women (some of which are priceless) and plot-thickening chats with Ninnie Threadgoode, (Jessica Tandy) a nursing home resident with a great past.

The film goes back and forth between two plots: the story of Idgie Threadgood,

Ruth Jamison, and the Whistle Stop Cafe, and the growing relationship between Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy.

Mary Stuart Masterson plays tomboy Idgie Threadgoode, while Mary-Louise Parker plays Ruth - the woman who tries to serve as a "good influence" in the life of the reckless, bee-charming Idgie. Their lives intertwine in true Southern fashion and the film takes advantage of all the usual elements - intrigue, murder, good old boys, Southern nights, the KKK, seduction, and the classic food fight. There's even one Hell of a barbecue, but I won't spoil your appetite if you haven't seen it.

Mary Stuart Masterson's look is so fabulous that half-way through the film I discovered why my eyes were burning - I hadn't stopped to blink. Mary-Louise Parker is also delectable, though in a more understated way.

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CHARMING, ATTRACTIVE LESBIAN, 41, with good sense of humor and style, seeks similarly charming lesbians for friendship and perhaps more. Honesty and personal integrity a must. Write to Advertiser # 307, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

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THIS SAUCY, SASSY, SMART, SEXY, SWEET smilin', sensitive, spirited lesbian is seeking woman to savor a friendship, perhaps simmer with love. I am seven x six, self-aware, semi-political, secure, soulful, and sociable. I like the sizzle of the city and the serenity of the woods. My serenades are sincere. I'm setting my own script. Scurry! The sky and the sea are reserved for you and me. Write to Advertiser # 308, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

GWF WANTS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT. If you're not into the bar scene and head games I'm the one for you. I enjoy dancing, intellectual conversation and a good sense of humor. I'm attractive, down to earth, and in my early 30's. I'm looking for the same, 25-40. I never thought I'd run an ad, but I believe my match is out there somewhere. Write to Advertiser # 309, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA5)

GWF - WOMAN 18 WITH 32 YEARS EXPERIENCE seeks confident, compassionate, sensitive playmate with spark in her eyes. Write to Advertiser # 310, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

ARE YOU SLEEPING SINGLE AND A DOUBLE BED LIKE I AM? 30-40 fire sign or Scorpio fem but butch in the right place? We could play well together. I'm 40 years young and fun. Write to Advertiser # 311, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

SETTLED, CUDDLY, FUN LOVING GF, 44, seeks stable, non-smoking, GF for soulmate. Children okay. Phone number please. Write to Advertiser # 316, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

LESBIAN, EARLY 50s, LOOKING FOR SAME for friendship and companions. Like walks on beach, camping, home-cooked dinners. Smokers okay; no drugs. Write to Advertiser # 313, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

LIGHTING DANCES, DAYBREAK, RAIN on a tin roof, fresh cut hay, moist soil. I'm looking for a friend, a lover, a woman that'll let me be me and enjoy the simple things of life. Write to Advertiser # 312, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

SPRING STIRS AT THE LOINS OF THIS MOODY, BLOATED BITCH. I seek others like myself. You: hate walks on the beach, gag at romantic fireside evenings., crave chocolate at that special time of the month. Me: Hysterical Angry Girl. Box 5031, Portland, ME 04101.

LF SEEKS OTHER LF 25-35 Looking for feminine, attractive, mature woman to have good times and get to know for possible relationship in NH seacoast. Write to Advertiser # 115, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA3)

LESBIAN COUPLE SEEKS OTHER COUPLES. Lesbian couple new to Dover-Foxcroft Milo or Sebect looking for other gay couples for socializing. Write to Advertiser # 111, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA3)

LSF, OLDER PERSON, WOULD LIKE TO MEET OTHER LSWF for friendship to have good times with. Like sports. NS. Reply to P.O. Box 339, Gray, Maine 04039. (PA4)

21 - MALE PERSONALS

TO ANYONE WHO RESPONDED TO ADVERTISER #601: Due to his declining health over the summer leading to his death in early October, he was not able to answer a lot of the responses he received. This is just to let you know your letters were not being ignored. A friend. (PA3)

ATTENTION ADVERTISER #950 Contact Our Paper Classifieds if you want your responses.

GM, 28, LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES to establish a vegetarian, affordable cooperative household in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Write to Advertiser # 301, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

OUTRAGEOUS MAN, creative, loving and loveable, desires energetic, free spirited youthful companion, bent on a creative life. Write to Advertiser # 304, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

SPERM DONER NEEDED! I am a financially secure, 30+ years old Lesbian who has always wanted to parent; always wanted to be pregnant. If you have ever thought about being a biological father or more, please write to Advertiser # 317, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

GWM, 30 GRAD STUDENT, attractive, conservative in style, liberal otherwise. Seeks similar, 26-40, non-smoker, HIV+ okay. Write to Advertiser # 314, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

YOUNG MALE, 25, 5'10", 165 lbs., healthy, not into bar scene. Seeks a one-to-one friendship or relationship with an older man (40+) who can teach this young man to enjoy life to the fullest. You must be healthy, trim, and disease-free. Write to Advertiser # 302, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

GWM, 23, 5'8", 150 LBS. Fun-loving grad student is fishing the placid waters of Casco Bay. Into Beethoven and Madonna, enjoys Calvin & Hobbes and Camus. Happy being gay and out. Seeking same sort, age 21-30, for honest relationship. Write to Advertiser # 306, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA5)

GWM, CHEM FREE, NON-SMOKER, 33, TALL-THIN, neatly trimmed looking to meet an honest, open, and caring man who is interested in a friendship. I like the simple things in life and have a positive outlook. I enjoy nature and the outdoors, dancing, talking, and quiet times. Write to me about you. Photo, please. Write to Advertiser # 305, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA3)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP AND LOTS OF SEX? Professional, intelligent, handsome, athletic dude seeks many, 30+, into skiing, hiking, travel, and fun! Write; include picture and sperm count! Write to Advertiser # 303, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

GWM, YOUNG, ACTIVE, ADVENTUROUS looking for same 25 and under seeking casual companion/friend. I'm into snowboarding, ww kayaking, and other outdoor sports. Will teach. Like someone sincere. No S&M. Not a sex ad. Me: trim, fit, defined—You too. Like intimacy and intensity. Playful, caring, and intelligent. Write to Advertiser # 113, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA6)

GWF TO GWM OR GWM COUPLE - NEW TO SEXUAL PLAY Safe sex only, no drug use, no HIV. Body builders ok, chubbies ok, no S & M. Write to Advertiser #1205, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA3)

SOUTHERN ME AREA GWM 40ish EDUCATED young at heart, stable, secure, liberal and open-minded. Looking for same 25-45. I'm tired of being alone and bars are no fun either. Discretion used at all times. Write to Advertiser #1204, c/o Our Paper, P.O. Box 737, Portland, ME 04104. (PA3)

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SO. ME GWM, 48, healthy, secure, loving, sexually adventure, hard working. Into leather, travel, arts, etc. Seek friends and partner. P.O. Box 1169, Sanford, ME 04073. (PA4)

BOY WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY, by senior gem: fit, sophisticated, witty, historian/writer. YOU: under 35, athletic, clean, funny, healthy, non-hairy, educated preppie. OBJECT: long-term affair. Letter, photo only gets my reply. Box 5301, Portland, ME 04101. (PA4)

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GWM, 21, 5'11", BR/BR, SUM, has a mind for intelligent conversation, a soul full of energy, and a body for sin. I'm looking for a mature, not always politically correct, aggressive guy and friendship plus. Interest include cycling, working out (just started), racquetball, reading, dining, candlelight showers, and ? Write to: POB 9715-274, Portland, ME 04104. (PA4)

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GWM TO SHARE FRIENDSHIP AND OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT. ME: 38, 5'11", 240, Br/Br, beard, loving, caring, vers., experimental, HIV-. You: slim, 18-40, new to scene okay. 947-7112. (PA4)

IT'S SPRING (ALMOST) - GROW WITH ME! 26 year old GM seeks similar guys, Portland-South for good times. 140 lbs/Br/Bl. Into alt music, travel, aesthetics, and new experiences. Write to: Steve, P.O. Box 1199, Portsmouth, NH 03802. (PA4)

SPANKING FOR BAD BOYS. Young, masculine GOM seeks clean-shaven WM, 18-40 needing discipline. Photo? Pen-pals okay. P.O. Box 1361, Boston, MA 02104 (PA4)

You: GWM, 24-35, professional, handsome, fit, sincere, frank, friendly, down to earth, sense of humor. Comfortable with sexuality, aware that being gay can make you a better person. Looking to meet decent, quality people. Me: GWM, 24, grad student, attractive, in shape, sincere, honest, wacky sense of humor. Diverse interests, including: politics, sports (working out), out of doors, movies, art, theater. I like who I am, you should like who you are. Please write about yourself and include photo (photo not determinative, though). 45 Falmouth St., #2E, Portland, ME 04103. (PA4)

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP, GWM, early 40s, in shape. Good looking, 5'7", 145 lbs., Br/Br. Enjoy working out, dancing, beaches. 35/45. P.O. Box 394, Auburn, ME 04212. Photo please. (PA4)

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NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN/COUPLES WANTED. 26 years old, 5'10", 150 lbs., br/gr looking for older (30+) men with beards or mustaches in Manchester, Concord, or Nashua. Write to Chris at 26 South Main Street #164, Concord, NH 03301. (PA4)

SON WANTED! GWM, 48, healthy, secure, loving, sexual, hard working. Into leather, travel, arts, etc. Seek same in GM, trim, 21-38. Let's share. P.O. Box 1169, Sanford, ME 04073 (PA3)

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TEXAN, 21, GWM, GIVES RUBDOWNS Call 795-0984 7 am-7 pm only. Ask for Chris. (PA3)

2 GM, 27, BELGIAN, WANT TO CORRESPOND WITH U.S. GMS UNDER 30 single or in couples, planning to visit U.S. next year, willing to show Belgium to visitors in return. Photo please. Write: Eric Demol/Bernard Crepin, Av. Dr. Zamenhof 22/37, B-1070 Brussels, BELGIUM. (PA3)

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DROP ME A LINE, 144 High St., Portland. 773-5547. Hours are Mon. - Fri. 11 am - 6 pm, Sat. 11 am - 5 pm. Help us celebrate our most recent endeavor. We now offer a sampling of gay and lesbian literature and magazine. Meet author/editor John Preston, Sat., April 4 at 3 p.m. Copies of his newly-released books *Flesh and the Word*, *Home Towns*, and *The Big Gay Book* will be available.

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41 - COUNSELING/THERAPY ALCOHOLISM

TV AND TS SUPPORT GROUP. A support group for TV and TS is trying to start up in the northern area of Maine. If you'd like more information write to: J.L., Box 692, Brewer, ME 04412. (PA4)

LESBIAN COUNSELING GROUP - On-going weekly counseling group for women who wish to explore themselves more fully. Group meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at 232 St. John Street, Portland. Cost is \$70/month. The group will be co-led by Lisa Bussey, M.A., CEDT and Rachel Sager, M.A. RSAC. For more information please call 775-7927 and leave message. Confidentiality respected.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (PFLAG) P.O. Box 2080, Great Island, Brunswick, ME 04011. (207) 725-8000 (207) 729-0519.

LESBIAN CODEPENDENCY GROUP now accepting new members. Contact: Lucy C. Chudzik, LSAC, Intown Counseling Center, 477 Congress St., Suite 410, Portland, ME 04101. (207) 761-9096.

WOMEN SURVIVORS DISCUSSION GROUP An on-going, open and facilitated weekly women survivors discussion group for adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse/incest is now forming at WOMENSPACE COUNSELING CENTER in Portland. Suggested sliding scale fee is \$7 - \$10 per group meeting. For more information call Vivian Wadas, M.A. at 871-0377.

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RUMFORD/MEXICO AREA AIDS SUPPORT GROUP c/o Community Aids Awareness Program, (207)369-0259. Group meets Monday evenings at the Mexico Congregational Church (the "Green Church") from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

DIGNITY/MAINE An organization of Gay and Lesbian Catholics which meets in Portland and Bangor. Dignity/Maine, P.O. Box 8113, Portland, ME 04401. Dignity/Bangor, PO Box 2157, Bangor, ME 04401.

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43 - RELIGION

"A COMMON BOND" (Gay and Lesbian [ex-] Jehovah's Witnesses), P.O. Box 405, Ellwood City, PA 16117-0405. (412) 758-0704. Mutual support group formed for gay and lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses who have been excommunicated because of their sexuality.

EMERGENCE INTERNATIONAL Christian Scientists supporting lesbians and gay men. PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914, or call (415) 485-1881.

44 - CLUBS/BARS

SPORTSMAN'S ATHLETIC CLUB, 2 Bates Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240. Second Floor Balcony Bar and Dance Floor (207) 2251.

PAPA JOE'S, 80 Water Street, Augusta, Maine, Tuesday-Saturday, 7-1 (207) 623-4041.

THE LIMELIGHT, 3 Spring Street, Portland. (207) 773-3315.

BLACKSTONE'S, 6 Pine Street, Portland. (207) 772-9244.

SIDETRAXX, 34 Temple Street, Waterville, ME (207) 873-5610. Open Wednesday - Sunday, 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. A non-discriminatory bar.

THE ALTERNATIVE, 1425 Lisbon Street, Lewiston. (207) 782-4242.

THE RIVERFRONT, 193 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine 04401. (207) 947-1213. Wednesday-Sunday 7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

THE UNICORN, 57 Center Street, Portland. (207) 879-0645.

THE CHART ROOM SALOON, 117 Spring Street, Portland. (207) 774-9262.

THE NEW FRONTRUNNER Manchester Civic Club, 490 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH (603) 623-6477.

SABATOS, 29 Forest Avenue (behind Zootz), Portland, ME 04101.

46 - POLITICAL GROUPS

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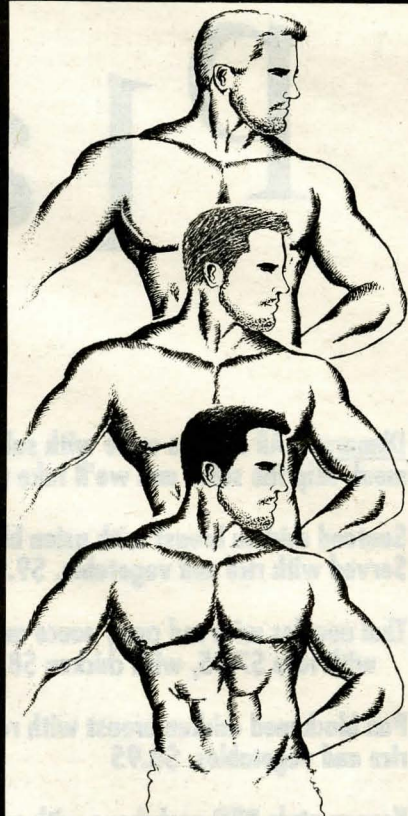
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